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In the application of:

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For: HEPATITIS C VIRUS PROTEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits in the subject application, please enter the following preliminary amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

~~Please cancel claims 1-26.~~

Please add new claims 27-43.